IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of)	
Tohru NATSUME et al.)	
Application No. 10/581,969)	Confirmation No. 8384
Filed: June 7, 2006)	Group Art Unit: 1656
For: NOVEL INTERACTION BETWEEN PROTEINS, AND THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR DISUSE MUSCULAR ATROPHY OR METHOD ASSOCIATED WITH DISUSE MUSCULAR ATROPHY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NOVEL INTERACTION)))	Examiner: Maryam Monshipouri

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 23, 2009, Applicant elects the claims of Group 1 and further elects SEQ ID NO: 1 without traverse.

This response is accompanied by a Preliminary Amendment which appropriately amends the claims of Group1, withdraws the unelected claims, and adds new claims 14-20 which define the invention in more generic terms than initially-filed claims 1-13.

Respectfully submitted,

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